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A.P.I.A.'S CONFIDENT BID TO REGAIN TOP HONOR

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Powerful, talented as ever and heavily sprinkled with international stars, APIA will make a spirited bid to win this year's Grand Final, the road to which leads through the premiership play-offs.

The series start on Sunday afternoon at the Showground with a double-header: APIA v. St. George and Croatia v. Pan Hellenic.

APIA will start the hard way, facing their closest rivals in the first round.

In recent years St. George-Budapest have been their toughest opponents; since 1962, they have been

APIA's most constant pursuers.

The Italian-supported team have a big score to settle with their competitors: they want to recapture the premiership they lost last year.

One thoughtless act by the brilliant Campana all but ended APIA's hopes early in the match which brought a Hakoah triumph.

This year, given normal conditions and circumstances, APIA start as strong favorites for the title, after all, they have just won the "minor premiership" by a record margin in Federation history.

Who could be their main challengers?

St. George have been in indifferent form lately while Croatia only recaptured their impressive early season form in the last three weeks or so.

In their two sets of attacking quintets, only three players are capable of scoring fairly regularly, Warren, Ron Giles and Frank Cush and no doubt, defenders will keep this in mind.

Pan Hellenic could surprise even the best — if they click.

With their whirlwind style, speed, stamina and boundless spirit generated to a large extent by their enthusiastic crowd, Pan Hellenic are quite capable of at least reaching the Grand Final.

It will be interesting to see if attendances show any improvement.

Last year the whole series produced only 35,000 spectators, the smallest aggregate since 1958, though it must be mentioned that the Grand Final was played in a downpour.

The inclusion of the crowd-pulling Pan Hellenic should ensure much bigger crowds this year.

BIG ISSUE

Next week's issue of SOCCER WORLD will be one you should not miss.

Among our usual features, it will also include:

- Full coverage of the Premiership play-offs;
- Final results scoreboard, break-down of competition tables, total attendances;
- Our "top star" award.



Canterbury's Bob Hardy (left) and Errol Freeme of South Coast in action at Arlington Oval last Saturday.

This storm wasn't preceeded by calm

Events of the last few weeks clearly show that soccer in Sydney is having severe convulsions.

Federation President Frank Parsons, undoubtedly one of the game's most able administrators, as well as management committee member Arthur George have resigned following a clash with clubs at a special meeting.

There is hardly an official in Sydney without a list of complaints, real or imaginary.

Everybody having a telephone within arm's reach dictates statements to the daily newspapers, clouding issues or creating new ones.

Soccer in Sydney is in a mess, as far as its administration is concerned.

What does surprise us, though, is that leading Federation officials have once again failed to read the signs of brewing trouble.

They completely misjudged the mood of the clubs and in at least two matters that needed delicate handling — the "apology case" and the tour revenue division — they suffered serious loss of prestige.

Actually, the present paroxysms of soccer shouldn't surprise anybody.

On August 4 we warned: "Just as the current race riots in the USA were almost predictable through the num-

erous signs, one has the inescapable feeling that events in Australian soccer are approaching some kind of an explosion.

"Whether our officialdom is aware of this or not, discontent with the leadership both on a national and NSW State level is enormous."

If the NSW Federation was not aware of this, they are now.

The big, \$64 question that must be answered is: where do we go from here?

Frank Parsons, despite his excellent qualities, can be replaced and so can the management committee members, whether they are forced out or resign voluntarily.

The clubs have the power and constitutional means to do either.

But frankly, that would solve nothing or very little.

Our troubles are much more deep-rooted and they could not be eliminated by simply electing nine new men into the management committee.

What is really wrong is our system of management and administration.

As we have said many times in this newspaper and say it again: the NSW Feder-

ation needs urgent and intelligent re-organising.

There are lots of avenues that can lead out of today's chaos but they have to be noticed, explored, tested and finally instituted.

To resist reforms any further is bordering on lunacy.

If the Vatican Curia can be streamlined and modernised, there is no reason to claim that the constitution of the NSW Federation "mustn't be touched".

That is the crux of the whole matter — our system of management is fundamentally bad and no matter how devoted and talented men you put in charge, sooner or later they all end up victims of this system.

● Last week we forwarded a five-page precis, prepared by our Editor, Paul Dean, to all First Division clubs as well as the NSW Federation.

This goes much further than offering "constructive criticism"; it suggests very definite and concrete changes in our management system.

It is not being claimed that this document is a faultless masterpiece; no doubt, it can be improved on.

But it was intended as a starting point, a launching pad so to say.

EDITORIAL WITCH — HUNT

Regrettable as it may be, once again much of the blame for soccer's current ailments is laid at the feet of migrants.

Even the President of the ASF, Sir William Winkley was quoted last week by a newspaper in a thinly disguised anti-migrant mood.

The enormity of the problem — migrant versus Australian — cannot be understood or analysed in one article.

It has sociological, economical and other aspects which, candidly, some of our agitating Sydney soccer writers would not be able to comprehend.

This is a vast problem, deserving of a dissertation by a university post-graduate, but certainly not a subject that can be summed up, wrapped up and delivered in an article.

However, it is our duty to remind those with thinly veiled xenophobic tendencies of a few facts.

In the past, say up to 1950, this country hardly had non-British migrants and certainly none in the administration of the code.

And yet, during those 60-odd years, the game never got off the ground, never seriously challenged rugby, and periodically experienced major trouble, like today.

Since about 1950 migrants have come into the game — and the game certainly owes them a great deal, as soccer's revival in the late 1950s was almost exclusively due to their passionate interest.

That currently the game's administration is in trouble is due to the fact that the edifice built up by Australians and migrants together has become outdated and outmoded and needs a change.

Over the years migrant clubs have been competing with district clubs — and won hands down.

Anybody who blindly advocates the sudden banishment of migrant clubs and still talks of the myth of "successful district soccer" should keep recent history well in mind.

The truth is that at present soccer in Sydney relies heavily on the support of migrants.

Discourage them from our grounds and see what you have: empty terraces and probably empty pitches.

Nobody is discouraging young Australian boys from taking their places in our teams; they have just as much chance as anybody, provided they have the skill, talent and dedication.

Only those should voice an opinion on this delicate and complicated subject who can speak with a knowledge of fact; intelligence, honesty and tolerance are needed, not cheap sentimentality, sensationalism and prejudice.

Most people connected with soccer probably realise that the ideal will be to integrate migrant groups into a local community, to break down the barriers and shift, ever so carefully, the emphasis from migrant officials and players to Australian ones.

But this cannot be done with the tact of an elephant in a china-shop, telling migrants that they are not wanted; in fact, that they are sabotaging the efforts of Australians.

You cannot tell this for many reasons. One being that it is not true.

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For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date for Section 11: 1 p.m., Sunday, September 17.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

There is a strong chance that JIM KELLY will return to coach South Coast United next season. The former Blackpool star, the architect of United's successes in the past, is likely to bring a few top British players back with him.

Stage one of GLADES-VILLE-HORNSBY SOCCER CLUB LTD's clubhouse is almost completed at Santa Rosa Park, Quarry Road, Ryde. The building is free of debt due to a previous fund-raising effort and voluntary building assistance. The club has almost 250 members, and will be applying for a licence soon.

If APIA's proposed end-of-season Japanese tour falls through, they are likely to play two matches in New Caledonia in November.

The New South Wales Amateur Association has adopted the WARATAH as the State emblem.

PRAGUE are wasting no time. Within four weeks coach Joe Venglos will start summer coaching clinics for promising youngsters and for the club's young players twice a week at Marks Field.

CANTERBURY are trying to arrange two end-of-season matches in Melbourne. Their opponents may be Alexander, George Cross or Hellas.

Croatia are the 1967 Sydney CLUB CHAMPIONS. Their three teams, which finished in the "first four" in all grades, totalled the most points. The club will be presented with a shield before the Grand Final. Hakoah were the 1966 Club Champions. Croatia's fine record reads: 3rd in first grade, 3rd in second grade and 2nd behind the Cumberland youngsters, in third grade.

Despite the tacit disapproval of the management committee, club PRESIDENTS will continue with their fortnightly meetings.

A meeting of the NSW FEDERATION OF SOCCER COACHES will be held on Monday, September 4, at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club, Bevin Avenue, Five Dock. Highlight of the evening, commencing at 8 p.m., will be a lecture by Dr. J. Ivan Davies, on diets and sports medicine. Applications are now invited from all districts for coaching courses during the off-season.

It's now certain that TIKO JELISAVCIC and Hakoah will part. For the time being Trevor Edwards is acting coach.

Four Prague players are in the Sydney CHS team now in South Australia for a series of matches. They are: Uwe Bracklow, Rodney Cook, Roy Rootsey and Victor Lowrie. Prague also have six players in the City of Sydney High-school team which played the State final against Newcastle last Tuesday.

Croatia's utility player, BOB FRASER, was involved in a car smash last week when he went through the windscreen. Although shaken, Fraser did not suffer serious injury.

North Bankstown's girls team, managed by RON DUNCAN, were beaten 1-0 by a combined Miranda-Kirrawee side last weekend.

BARRY SALISBURY, South Coast's Australian international halfback, will retire at the end of this season. The 30-year-old Salisbury's role next season will be as player-coach, with presumably another club.

EUGENE DZIALACH, the Polonia stopper, needs another cartilage operation. Dzialach missed most of the 1965 season when he underwent a left knee cartilage. This time it's the right leg which demands immediate attention.

For the statistically-minded: Pan Hellenic's GOAL AVERAGE that put them in the finals was 1.93, Hakoah's only 1.76.

MELITA EAGLES gave an end-of-the-competition party last Sunday to their players and members. The function was attended by 400 people. It was also a welcome-back celebration for club president, Vince Pisani, who had returned the same day from an overseas trip.

Prague's next FILM NIGHT will be on September 11 at the AMP Theatre, Circular Quay, at 8 p.m.

There is a strong possibility that KARL JAROS may be recalled to coach Hakoah following the club's dispute with Tiko Jelisavic.

Booragul defeated Wallsend High School in the all-Newcastle TASMAN CUP final at Marks Field last Tuesday night. Booragul High won 4-3 after 20 minutes of extra-time. In the early match, Punchbowl beat Ibrox Park 4-2.

ADOLF BLUTSCH, Hakoah's former brilliant wing-half, is due back in Sydney in November. Blutsch, a First Division star in Austria since his return four years ago, is negotiating with a Sydney club.

Canterbury have signed a 20-year-old former Northumberland (England) schoolboy representative, ROBERT WOODS. They will also have the services of FINLEY MAY, from Newcastle, next year.

JOHN COLE, Pan Hellenic's stopper, is out of hospital and will watch his team play Croatia at the Showground next Sunday.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES possesses in David Phillips ground at Kensington one of the best soccer playing surfaces in Sydney. In addition, goalkeeping is being encouraged, as an excellent shooting board complete with side wings to stop the off-target shots is erected ready for practice sessions. Wales secretary PETER KENT is in close contact with Macquarie University, Eastwood, which commenced soccer this year.

GEORGE NUTTALL made a surprise comeback last Saturday. The Australian international fullback played in APIA's third grade side against Polonia and on Sunday he played one half in the reserve grade. Nuttall, who underwent a cartilage operation 11 weeks ago, is very pleased with his recovery and is confident he will play in the firsts during the Australia Cup.

Hakoah have suspended goalkeeper DUNCAN WILSON for disciplinary reasons.

GERRY HOOD was keen to play for Canterbury last Saturday and arrived at Arlington Oval with his football gear. The ace goalscorer, however, was told his services were not required before the match and he stormed out of

the enclosure after a heated argument with officials.

The POLONIA committee and supporters entertained all their players at a big party last Saturday night at the Polish House, Ashfield. Supporters and officials alike were delighted with their teams' showing in all grades and the party was staged to thank the players for a very creditable season.

Rumor has it that APIA are interested in signing the talented Cumberland winger, JOHN KEDDIE, next season.

PAN HELLENIC's players celebrated their participation in the final play-offs at a party at the Valentine Restaurant last Sunday night. The party, a dance, was organised by "Miss Valentine", Joan Doyle, an entrant in the "Miss Pan Hellenic" quest.

Last weekend was a most depressing one for HAKOAH. Not only did they miss out on the final play-offs, but their reserve grade side was pipped on the post by PRAGUE, after leading the competition for most of the season, when they were surprisingly beaten 2-1 by Yugal.

Former Corinthians stopper RICHARD ROBINSON is now back in England, playing with Gresley Rovers in the East Midlands Regional League.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

DIVISION II FINAL PLAY-OFFS

Bankstown v. Sutherland — Marks Field, 1.15 p.m.
Manly v. Granville — Marks Field, 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

DIVISION I FINAL PLAY-OFFS

Croatia v. Pan Hellenic — Showground, 1.15 p.m.
APIA v. St. George — Showground, 3.00 p.m.
1.45 a.m. — Final Australian Junior Championship

NEXT WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

K.O. CUP

Cumberland v. Manly — Marks Field, 7 p.m.
Melita Eagles v. Granville — Marks Field, 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

DIVISION II FINAL PLAY-OFFS

Granville v. Sutherland — Marks Field, 7 p.m.
Manly v. Bankstown — Marks Field, 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

DIVISION I FINAL PLAY-OFFS

St. George v. Croatia — Sportsground, 1.15 p.m.
APIA v. Pan Hellenic — Sportsground, 3.00 p.m.

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	17	3	2	65	19	37
St. George	13	5	4	43	26	31
Croatia	10	7	5	37	26	27
Pan Hellenic	10	6	6	58	30	26
Hakoah	10	6	6	37	21	26
Canterbury	9	4	9	37	46	22
Prague	6	7	9	35	41	19
Polonia	7	5	10	28	56	19
Yugal	7	4	11	36	54	18
Melita Eagles	6	3	13	24	40	15
SCU	4	6	12	29	40	14
Cumberland	4	2	16	26	58	10

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	14	3	5	54	30	31
Hakoah	14	2	6	71	35	30
Croatia	13	4	5	58	32	30
Pan Hellenic	13	2	7	40	32	23
Cumberland	11	4	7	59	43	26
St. George	10	5	7	59	27	25
APIA	9	4	9	55	53	22
Polonia	8	6	8	44	51	22
Canterbury	4	6	12	33	60	14
SCU	4	6	12	27	53	14
Melita Eagles	4	4	14	33	64	12
Yugal	4	1	17	25	78	9

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	17	3	2	66	25	37
Croatia	16	3	3	64	23	35
Prague	15	3	4	59	18	33
St. George	11	5	6	46	25	27
SCU	9	5	8	53	38	23
Polonia	9	5	8	30	28	23
Hakoah	11	1	10	40	44	23
Pan Hellenic	8	4	10	31	27	20
Canterbury	8	3	11	29	50	19
APIA	6	4	12	32	56	16
Melita Eagles	1	2	19	17	56	4
Yugal	1	2	19	13	89	4

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	16	4	2	62	22	36
Granville	14	5	3	60	20	33
Bankstown	12	5	5	54	29	29
Sutherland	11	4	7	47	33	26
Corinthians	12	2	8	46	33	26
Western Subs.	11	4	7	44	33	26
Marconi	9	6	7	34	28	24
Hornsby-NE	6	8	8	40	38	20
N. Bankstown	8	1	13	30	37	17
Balgownie	5	5	12	32	41	15
Lane Cove	2	5	15	16	50	9
Blacktown	1	1	20	16	115	3

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	16	3	3	73	30	35
Granville	17	1	4	69	33	35
Manly	12	5	5	69	30	29
Sutherland	13	2	7	68	39	28
Hornsby-NE	12	2	8	55	42	26
Balgownie	11	3	8	35	35	25
Bankstown	11	2	9	53	44	24
N. Bankstown	8	5	9	51	50	21
Marconi	7	4	11	43	54	18
Corinthians	3	5	14	28	61	11
Lane Cove	3	2	17	30	65	8
Blacktown	1	2	19	14	104	4

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Pan Hellenic v. Melita E.	2-0	—
Canterbury v. SCU	3-2	5-3
Melita E. v. Croatia	1-3	0-1
St. George v. C'land	7-2	3-1
APIA v. Polonia	3-3	0-3
Pan Hellenic v. Prague	0-3	1-0
Yugal v. Hakoah	2-1	0-6
Croatia v. APIA	3-1	2-1

SECOND DIVISION

N. Bankstown v. Manly	1-3	3-4
West. Sub. v. Sutherland	0-1	2-1
Marconi v. Lane Cove	4-1	1-2
Granville v. Bankstown	0-2	4-0
Blacktown v. Corinthians	0-12	3-1
Balgownie v. H'by-NE	1-4	1-0

LEADING SCORERS

Giacometti (APIA)	22
Warren (St. George)	16
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	15
Baartz (Hakoah)	13
Logan (Pan Hellenic)	12
Ninaus (Canterbury)	11
J. Alagich (Yugal)	10
Blue (APIA)	10
Keddie (Cumberland)	10
Hood (Canterbury)	9
Watkins (APIA)	9
F. Cush (Croatia)	8
Krawiarz (Polonia)	8
G. Manuel (Prague)	8
Fernandez (St. George)	7
Giles (Croatia)	7
Westwater (P. Hellenic)	7

TEAM OF THE WEEK

CORRY (Croatia)
LINCOLN (Croatia)
MUCILLO (Canterbury)
CILIA (Melita Eagles)
WATKISS (APIA)
ISAAC (St. George)
ARMYTAGE (Prague)
LALIC (Yugal)
BLUE (APIA)
FERNANDEZ (St. George)
BLITZ (Pan Hellenic)

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

APIA

8 (6)
Blue 5 and 33 mins., Kerklaan 21 min., Campana 24 min., Giacometti 39, 40, 56 (penalty) and 83 mins.

Polonia

1 (0)
Muhlbauer 86 min.

St. George

5 (0)
Fernandez 53, 64 and 88 mins., McCue 75 min., McColligan 80 min.

Cumberland

0 (0)

Melita E.

1 (1)
Bankhead 30 min.

Croatia

3 (0)
Giles 67 min., F. Cush 83 min., R. Cush 89 min.

Canterbury

1 (0)
Barnes (own goal) 79 min.

St. Coast

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

1 (0)
Hignett 60 min.

Prague

1 (1)
G. Manuel 41 min.

Yugal

1 (1)
Edwards 28 min.

Hakoah

1 (0)
Marnoch 83 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Taylor 3, Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 4; Hughes 4, Watkiss 4, Bottalico 4; Campbell 3, Campana 4 (Rivero 3), Blue 5, Kerklaan 5, Giacometti 5.

TOTAL: 45 Coach: M. Mazzina.

Seymour 2; Filok 3, Skiba 3; Adamson 2 (Gonzales 2), Nowacki 3, Komoder 3; Oliver 2, Minol 3, Kulak 3, Krawiarz 3, Muhlbauer 3.

TOTAL: 30 Coach: G. Azzopardi.

Haffey 4; Taylor 4, Hillary 3; Schaefer 4, Morgan 3, Isaac 4; Price 3, McCue 4, McColligan 3, Fernandez 5, Piggott 2.

TOTAL: 39 Coach: L. Hegyes.

Hopkins 3; Addison 3, Dell 3; Moffatt 2, Richards 3, Thomson 4; Vincent 2, Goldie 3, Keddie 4, Edwards 3, Keenan 4.

TOTAL: 34 Coach: L. Qusted.

Eaton 5; Hunter 4, Arrighi 3; Cilia 4, Woods 3, Hewlett 3; Mullan 4, Bankhead 4, Mulqueeny 2, Reid 2, Williams 4.

TOTAL: 38 Coach: J. Vlasits.

Corry 3; Lincoln 4, Sloan 3; Curry 4, Shepherd 4, Snedden 4; Swoboda 3 (replaced Reynolds 23rd min.), Tomicic 4, F. Cush 4, Giles 5, R. Cush 3.

TOTAL: 41 Coach: F. Hearn.

Demopoulos 3; Whitehead 4, Mucillo 4; Hardy 3, Sambrook 3, Romanos 3; Hoare 3, Galbraith 3, Rinos 3, Clarke 3, Williamson 3.

TOTAL: 35 Coach: G. Polgar.

Nuell 3; Carr 3, Ringland 3; Davies 3, Barnes 3, Salisbury 3; Barnett 4, Conlin 2, Harrison 2, Freeme 3, Paterson 4.

TOTAL: 33 Coach: G. Barnett.

Clarke 4; Henson 3, Omeros 3; Westwater 4, Johnston 4, Hignett 4; Laraman 3, Smith 4, Karyannis 3, McCulloch 3, Blitz 5.

TOTAL: 40 Coach: W. Vrolyks.

King 4; Harcombe 3, Moulson 4; Blacker 3, Zeman 4, Blanco 4; Armytage 4, G. Manuel 3, Scheinflug 4, Miner 3, Lissing 3.

TOTAL: 39 Coach: J. Venglos.

Ljubic 4, Crnic 3, Pacanin 3, Dunaj 3, Banićević 4, Rafaneli 4, Alagich 3, Lalic 4, Halpin 3, Bobic 3, Edwards 3.

TOTAL: 37 Coach: F. Dunaj.

Fuzes 3, Stewart 3; Hillsdon 4, Walsh 4, Marnoch 4, Yaager 3, Edmunds 2 (Duffy 3), Harding 4, Jones 2, Baartz 3, Holden 3.

TOTAL: 35 Coach: T. Edwards.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: * * *

Don't think for one minute APIA exerted themselves unduly to record their mammoth victory. APIA, actually, played at half pace and just had to score an avalanche of goals against a pathetic Polonia defence which was thoroughly demoralised after 25 minutes. Polonia put up a better showing after the interval, but only because APIA were content to see the match through, hardly raising a sweat. APIA, in fact, were so much in control and relaxed that two of their defenders at one stage stopped along the sideline to listen to a race broadcast!

Crowd: 1,900. Referee: G. Naylor.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

An unhappy end to what has been anything but a cheerful season for Cumberland. After holding the make-shift St. George-Budapest forward line comfortably for the first 45 minutes, they compounded quickly and the result was never in doubt once Fernandez notched the first of his three goals. With neither side having any real incentive, there was no urgency or excitement in the game, but Saints did enough to show they are probably APIA's biggest worry in the coming round-robin.

Crowd: 300. Referee: L. Rae.

— ALAN SPEERS

Match rating: * * * *

After an even first half, Melita Eagles ran out of steam and were soundly beaten. Melita combined effectively up to the break and deserved their slim 1-0 lead, but faltered badly after the interval under the pressure of South's lightning-fast forwards. In the second half Croatia played the brand of football that brought them so much success earlier in the season and Melita simply folded up as they had no answer to it. Ron Giles roamed the middle like a hawk and his many clever moves caught the opposing defence napping on several occasions and he set up the three goals. Terry Eaton made some spectacular saves for Melita and his split-second timing and diving were delightful to watch.

Crowd: 1,800. Referee: K. Lockrey.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * *

Arlington Oval was again the scene of some typical end-of-season football. The game was marred by the inept performance of both sets of forwards, especially South Coast's who missed some incredible chances in front of goal. Almost without exception the players appeared disinterested and at times the game took on the appearance of a vaudeville act as shot after shot went astray. This comedy of errors was finally resolved when a centre-half, Barnes, showed the Canterbury forwards how to score — by putting the ball into his own net . . . Thus ended a surprisingly good season for Canterbury, but the worst ever for South Coast who tumbled from fourth to second last in one year.

Crowd: 800. Referee: A.R. Brown.

— STEPHEN PAIN

Match rating: * * *

If Pan Hellenic could have finished off the opportunities that Roy Blitz created, or if Westwater had capitalised the penalty, the result of this most entertaining match could have been altogether different. But full marks to Prague who as under-dogs, reigned supreme in the first half with an intelligent display of brisk passing, backed up by last ditch defensive tactics. The second half was Pan Hellenic's, and how they missed scoring more than one is a story that only Laraman, Karyannis and Smith could tell. Here was an action-packed game, clean and thrilling, which kept the big crowd on its toes.

Crowd: 4,000. Referee: N. Jones.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * * *

The chronic impotence of Hakoah forwards culminated in this match. Just when they needed some goals to get into the semifinals, they failed to even look dangerous and had to rely on stopper Marnoch to get them their only goal with a piledriver. On this display Hakoah cannot even be sure of winning the "Wednesday Cup." Yugal for some 75 minutes, played and fought better than their opponents and vindicated their recent good results.

Crowd: 3,000. Referee: J. Scarborough.

— PAUL DEAN



N.S.W. PREMIERSHIP



APIA MAY START WITH GOOD WIN

— By LOU GAUTIER —

St. George are one of the three teams which can boast of a win over APIA this year (the others are Hakoah, also in the Ampol Cup, and Croatia).

However, they achieved their rare win very early in the year in the midst of the purple patch which swept them to victory in the Ampol Cup after seven straight wins.

Things have changed somewhat since.

APIA have gone from success to success in a competition they dominated from start to finish while Saints, though clear-cut runners-up in the league, alternated the good with a few pretty unimpressive displays.

APIA's strength stems from their consistency.

Not once during the premiership have they really had a wretched game.

Theirs is a team without glaring weaknesses, a team which can afford the luxury of converting Watkiss, one of Sydney's top for-

wards, into probably the best centre-half in Australia, without drastically curtailing the effectiveness of their forward line.

In defence they are so well off that the long injury to Nuttall hasn't made the slightest difference, what with Van Blerk as ruthlessly efficient as ever, and Ackerley displaying the best form of his career.

APIA's forwards haven't been quite so colorful, clever and goal-hungry as last year, but in recent weeks have regained their old sting.

Blue lately has been in super-form, playing his best football since moving from JUST, and young Campbell has confirmed he is the "find" of the season.

Giacometti's golden boots can, have, and will again, win many matches and

Kerklaan, though not as spectacular as his teammates, fills a vital role in coach Mazzina's tactics.

The Argentinian ace Campana has had a comparatively quiet season this year but could be the man to give APIA their second league grand final "double."

St. George-Budapest go into the play-offs clearly the second best team in Sydney.

Their team is not as balanced as APIA's though some of their individual stars like Schaefer, Cliss and Warren do not pale in comparison with their APIA counterparts.

Saints, just like APIA with Campbell, also unearthed a great local talent: stopper Morgan.

Haffey in goal had his best season, as did fullback Hillary.

Their defence stood their ground well, with the half-back-line of Schaefer, the best right-half with Hughes this year, Morgan and Zuckerman, the backbone of the team.

In attack they fall short of APIA's high standard as their forward-line is somewhat lopsided.

With much of the cream of Australian talent on display, this could be a match to remember, provided the "needle" which often characterises APIA-St. George clashes doesn't creep into the game.

PROBABLE TEAMS

APIA v. ST. GEORGE	
TAYLOR	1 HAFFEY
VAN BLERK	2 ISAAC
ACKERLEY	3 HILLARY
HUGHES	4 SCHAEFER
WATKISS	5 MORGAN
BOTTALICO	6 ZUCKERMAN
CAMPBELL	7 STEGBAUER
CAMPANA	8 CLISS
BLUE	9 WARREN
KERKLAAN	10 FERNANDEZ
GIACOMETTI	11 MCCOLGAN
Referee: N. JONES	

APIA - Leichhardt



APIA, the 1967 premiers, as they lined up against Pan Hellenic on July 16. Standing, from left to right: Nuttall, Hughes, Campbell, McKinnon, Bottalico, Taylor, Van Blerk, Watkiss, Ackerley, coach Mazzina. In front: Virano, Campana, Blue, Kerklaan.

St. George-Budapest



Competition runners-up and Ampol Cup winners, St. George-Budapest, before their match against Pan Hellenic on July 30. Standing, from left to right: coach Hegyes, Hillary, Sandell, Haffey, Morgan, Schaefer, Zuckerman. Sitting: Stegbauer, Fernandez, Warren, Isaac, Price, Cliss.

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FINAL PLAY-OFFS



FIERY P. HELLENIC COULD SPARKLE

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Sunday's play-off between Pan Hellenic and Croatia, the first match of the attractive double-header at the Showground, could set the winner on the road to the Grand Final on September 24.

It's generally agreed that APFA will fill one of the Grand Final berths, but the other spot is wide open and the winner of this match may have taken a big step towards qualifying for the Grand Final.

Both teams would be worthy Grand Final contenders.

It's hard to imagine two teams with more dissimilar styles in Sydney.

Pan Hellenic are an all-action side; impetuous, fiery and always on the move, they can be relied on 90 minutes of sustained crowd-pleasing attacking football.

An attacking team, they often sacrifice all to the offensive and there's rarely a dull moment with them.

Croatia are the complete opposite.

They are the most methodical side in Sydney soccer who

play a cool, deliberately calculated game in both defence and attack, and when they play it well, as they did against APFA last Sunday, can be quite irresistible.

Croatia play the best version of the 4-3-3 in Sydney, in sharp contrast to Pan Hellenic who seldom care too much about tactics and just play the game by ear, doing what comes naturally.

This will undoubtedly be a battle royal between Pan Hellenic's attack and Croatia's defence.

Though APFA overshadowed both Croatia's defence and Pan Hellenic's attack in the competition, on their day Croatia have the best rear-guard in Sydney and Pan Hellenic the deadliest attack.

Should both these divisions be at their peak on Sunday, this could be a head-on clash to remember.

Croatia, in the past, have usually fared well against Pan Hellenic, whose impetuosity has often been ensnared in Croatia's tight, defensive web.

Pan Hellenic must curb their instinct on Sunday, and put more thought in their game.

Croatia are the masters of opportunism in attack: give their forwards half a chance and they will pounce on it.

Pan Hellenic in most of their matches are fed dozens of splendid balls, mainly by Westwater and Blitz, and throughout the season have probably had more scoring chances than any other team.

This almost certainly will be the pattern on Sunday — Pan Hellenic storming into attack from go to whoa and Croatia retreating before launching hair-raising break-away raids.

Pan Hellenic fans will get shivers down their spine whenever the Cush brothers, Giles or Reynolds streak downfield because a Croatia breakaway is a most frightening experience for the opposition.

Westwater's role in this match will be vital.

He will again have to assume the part of midfield playmaker.

His main task will be to curb the enthusiasm of his galloping team-mates.

If he fails, Pan Hellenic may fall into Croatia's trap, with dire consequences.

All things being equal, this game has the makings of a real thriller, and a draw seems the likeliest result.

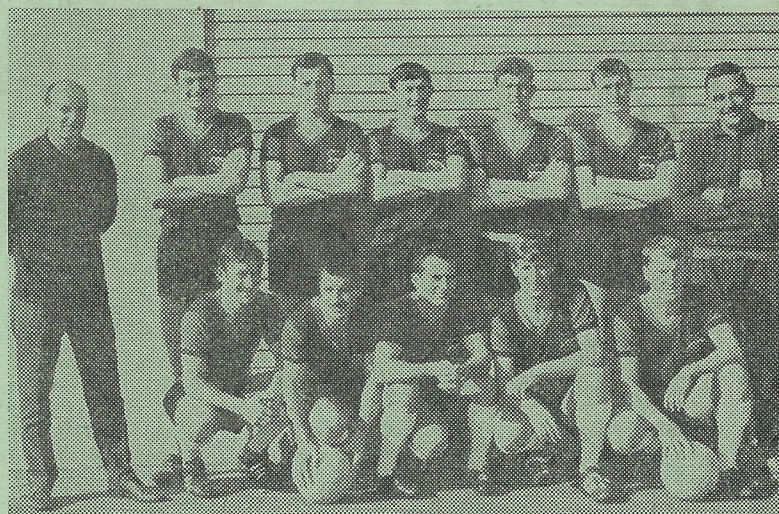
PROBABLE TEAMS

CROATIA v. PAN HELLENIC

CORRY	1	CLARKE
LINCOLN	2	HENSON
SLOAN	3	OMEROS
CURRY	4	WESTWATER
SHEPHERD	5	JOHNSTON
SNEDDEN	6	HIGNETT
REYNOLDS	7	BARDETTA
TOMICIC	8	SMITH
F. CUSH	9	LARAMAN
GILES	10	MCCULLOCH
R. CUSH	11	BLITZ

Referee: H. PARSONS.

South Sydney-Croatia



South Sydney-Croatia, as they lined up against St. George on August 20. Standing, from left to right: coach Hearn, Shepherd, Curry, F. Cush, R. Cush, Sloan, trainer Galli, Front row: Swoboda, Tomicic, Snedden, Lincoln, Giles.

Pan Hellenic



Pan Hellenic's squad against St. George on July 30. Standing, from left to right: Henson, Clarke, Smith, Johnston, Hignett, McCulloch, Blitz, coach Vrolyks. Front row: Karyannis, Omeros, Westwater, Logan, Bardetta, Patrinos.

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ROUND THE WORLD

Brazil's European tour

Brazil's national team will undertake a mammoth European tour in June next year. The Brazilians will play in Scotland, West Germany, Spain and Portugal, and also perhaps in France, Belgium and Holland. The Brazilians have asked for a match fee of \$20,000, which they are likely to get.

Bulgarian star dead

One of Bulgaria's top internationals died last week at the age of 30. He was Ivan Vassilev, the national team skipper and Bulgaria's leading goalscorer in 1964. Vassilev, who played for Slavia Sofia, bled to death after having his tonsils removed.

Yugoslavs in Africa

The Yugoslav national team will play three matches in Africa in the space of seven days next month. Yugoslavia will play Ethiopia in Addis Abeba on October 27 and November 1 after having played against the Sudan at Khartoum on October 24. The Yugoslavs will be paid \$28,000 for their three appearances.

Record Asian entries

A record number of Asian countries are expected to enter the elimination rounds of the 1970 World Cup. By the time entries close at FIFA headquarters on December 15, the following Asian nominations are expected: Iran, Israel, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan Hong Kong, Burma, South Korea, North Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and Thailand. New Zealand, too, for the first time will enter the World Cup.

Riotous Britons

Rioting and fighting erupted at four fields on the weekend, the third week of play in the British Soccer League. Stoke City had a bombshell just before their kickoff against Manchester City when their \$95,000 inside forward Peter Doherty, in a dispute of a new contract, refused to play. Nine people had to be treated for injuries caused by flying bottles when Doherty attempted to leave the dressing room and more than 20 people had to be removed from the playing field by police.

In Scotland a man was stabbed and seriously injured outside the Dundee United ground before the match against Celtic. He was rushed to hospital for treatment. Thirty minutes after the game started, a bottle was tossed at Dundee left winger Davy Wilson. The Rangers v. Norwich game was held up while stewards and police searched the grounds after a bomb had been reported planted at the field. Nothing was found. Fighting broke out behind one of the goals at Tottenham in the Spurs match against West Ham. A spectator had to be ejected by police.



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Nacional Montevideo are almost certain to win the South American Champions' Cup. The Uruguayans held Racing Buenos Aires to a 0-0 draw in the first leg of the final in Argentina. The South American champion will meet Celtic of Glasgow for the Intercontinental Cup later this year.

● The annual Mohamed V Tournament in Casablanca, Morocco, takes place this week. Competing teams are Dukla Prague, Valencia, Red Banner Sofia and the local Army Club.

● Chile last week notched their second victory ever over Argentina with a 1-0 win at Santiago. Three days later Chile beat Inter Milan 1-0.

● Blackpool star, Johnny Green, has been bought by the Vancouver Royal Canadians for \$27,000. He is the fifth well-known English player signed by the Canadian club, a member of the FIFA-affiliated US Association.

● Former West German international goalkeeper, Hans Tilkowski, has joined Borussia Dortmund from Eintracht Frankfurt.

● Karoly Lakat has been reappointed coach of the Hungarian Olympic team. Lakat led the Hungarian team to victory in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games.

● The Soviet Press selected the following four players as the best in 1966-67: Voronin, Strelzov, Ponomarev and the evergreen Yashin.

● Hungary's top referee, Istvan Zsolt, will retire at the end of the season. When he steps down in June 1968 he will have refereed 1,250 matches, including some 50 internationals.

● Celtic will meet Penarol, the Uruguayan 1966 Intercontinental Cup winners, in Glasgow on September 5.

● A public subscription for Atletico Madrid's Luis Martinez has raised \$68,000 to support his wife and three children. Martinez has been in a coma for three months after suffering a head injury.

● The Spanish film on the life story of Helenio Herrera will have its premiere in Barcelona in October.

● Vava, Brazil's leading goalscorer in the 1958 and 1962 World Cups, is managing the Mexican club, America.

● The testimonial match for Benfica's Portuguese international goalkeeper, Costa Pereira, will take place in Lisbon on September 3. Benfica will meet Bayern Munchen, the European Cup winners' Cup winners.

● Another two top Danes have joined foreign clubs. Keld Petersen has joined Groningen, and Bent Schmidt Hansen, Eindhoven, both Dutch clubs.

● Switzerland have the youngest First Division coach in Europe. He is 25-year-old Hans Otto Peters, a German, who coaches Bienne.

● Japan did not take part in the Merdeka Tournament. They withdrew at the last moment to undertake a South and Central American tour.

● Everton feel they have a future star forward in Joe Ryle who may soon emulate the deeds of their immortal Dixie Dean and Tommy Lawton.

● Vasa in Hungary have recalled their coach, Rudolf Illovsky to take charge. Illovsky was on loan to the national squad, a job he will still retain.

● Vasa of Hungary will play their European Cup games against Dundalk of Eire on September 20 in Ireland and on October 4 in Budapest.

SCOREBOARD

FRANCE: Red Star v. Young Boys Berne 0-0; Sion Monaco 2-0; Ajaccio v. Rennes 2-0; St. Etienne v. Lens 3-0; Bordeaux v. Marseille 1-2; Nice v. Sedan 1-0; Angers v. Aix 3-0; Nantes v. Strasbourg 3-0; Valenciennes v. Metz 1-2; Rouen v. Sochaux 1-0.

HOLLAND: Fortuna v. Go Ahead 1-1; ADO v. GVAV 3-3; NAC c. Telstar 2-1; NEC v. Feyenoord 0-5; Ajax v. DOS 4-0; Sparta v. Volendam 1-1; Xerxes v. DWS 1-2; PSV v. Sittardia 4-1; Twente v. MVV 2-1.

SWITZERLAND: Chaux-de-Fonds v. Bienne 1-1; Granges v. Lucerne 4-2; Lausanne v. Bellinzona 3-2; Lugano v. Servette Geneva 1-0; Young Fellows Zurich v. Grasshoppers Zurich 1-3; FC Zurich 2-3.

WEST GERMANY: Braunschweig v. Schalke 04 1-0; Bayern Munchen v. Hanover 96 1-0; Moenchengladbach v. VfB Stuttgart 1-1; Karlsruhe v. Duisburg 0-2; Eintracht Frankfurt v. Werder Bremen 5-3; Neunkirchen v. FC Nurnberg 2-2; Hamburger SV v. Kaiserslautern 1-1; FC Koln v. Munchen 1860 1-0; Borussia Dortmund v. Alemania Aachen 1-0.

YUGOSLAVIA: OFK Belgrade v. Zagreb 1-5; Red Star v. Hajduk 3-2; Rijeka v. Zelenice 1-0; Sarajevo v. Vardar 2-3; Radnicki v. Velez 2-1; Maribor v. Proleter 3-0; Dinamo Zagreb v. Partizan 1-1; Vojvodina v. Olimpija 2-3.

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Alpine Cup victory

Eintracht Frankfurt won the Alpine Cup by beating FC Basel 2-1 in the final. Odermatt, who toured Australia with Basel in 1964, scored the Swiss' goal. Another Australian "tourist", AS Roma, also took part in the series, together with Munchen 1860, Servette Geneva and Torino.

Goal average change

Austria and France are the only European countries which don't employ the conventional goal-average. The French and the Austrians take into account the difference between goals scored and conceded in a bid to encourage higher scoring instead of dividing the goals for and against.

US feud may end

There is now every indication that the big soccer feud in the United States will soon be over. A special meeting in Chicago last month between the FIFA-affiliated association and the "rebel", break-away group agreed to meet again on September 18 to discuss the possibility of a combined competition in 1968.

● Manchester United will play their first round European Champions' Cup matches against Malta's Hibernian at home on September 20, and in Malta on September 27.

● The Hong Kong FA is seriously considering to enter the Olympic elimination rounds for the first time. A decision will be made next month.

● Dieter Erle, East Germany's national team skipper, was runner-up to swimmer Wiegand in his country's "sportsman of the year" poll.

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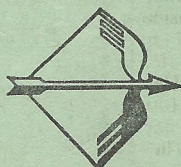
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ATTILA'S HUNS GRAB THEIR FIRST TITLE EVER

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Melbourne Hungaria SC, the young team epitomised by the brilliance of Attila Abonyi, have won the Victorian State League title.

They are two points clear of Juventus and have such a superiority in goal average that they could afford to lose their last game against Hakoah, let Juventus win against Polonia and the position wouldn't change unless Juventus win by a double-barrel score and keep their own goal intact into the bargain.

Juventus will have to content themselves being runners-up while the battle for the other two places in the four concerns SM Hellas, Hakoah and JUST.

It looks likely that Hellas will finish fourth and Hakoah or JUST could be lucky to step into their place for the Australia Cup.

SM Hellas were barred from competing in the national competition after they were fined and placed on a bond following their Australia Cup game with Hakoah (Sydney) last season.

The relegation situation is still tricky but favors Alexander to stay in the State League despite the fact that one point they have already on the scoreboard is in jeopardy through their being compelled to replay the game with Slavia after the Slavia protest on a trivial and minor technicality was upheld.

Melbourne play Hakoah in the final game and with strong possibilities that Juventus will win their remaining match, Melbourne will want to ensure they win the league by a clear points total instead of goal average.

South Melbourne Hellas should certainly finish in

the four, as they are a strong bet to come out best in their encounter with Lions.

Juventus, in their best league season for many years, should grab another two points to improve further their high points total when they meet Polonia.

Slavia with a first-class defence but a punchless attack could be in trouble against Makedonia who must win to have any chance of escaping relegation.

George Cross will have their hands full against JUST. The Cross have not had a good season despite the talent in their ranks and the better teamwork and balance of JUST may stand them in good stead at the finish.

Alexander will fight desperately for both points

against Croatia and should they succeed they will have the last laugh against the Federation who dismissed their appeal after Slavia's protest had been upheld.

In fact, the game scheduled for a replay with Slavia and Alexander will be meaningless if Alexander win here.

SATURDAY

George Cross v. JUST (Sunshine), Alexander v. Croatia (Olympic Park), Slavia v. Makedonia (Port Melbourne).

SUNDAY

Juventus v. Polonia (St. Kilda), Lions v. Hellas (Olympic Park), Hakoah v. Melbourne (Middle Park).

Note: No date has been set so far for the replay of the protest game, Slavia v. Alexander.

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Juventus v. Croatia 1-0. Scorer: Lockhurst for Juventus.
Makedonia v. Alexander 3-1. Scorers: Currie, Stankovic, Jesefovski for Makedonia; Bourdamis for Alexander.
JUST v. Hakoah 2-1. Scorers: Mladenovic, Matinkovic for JUST; Armstrong for Hakoah.
Melbourne v. Slavia 3-0. Scorers: Myers, Abonyi, Kurta for Melbourne.
Hellas v. George Cross 2-1. Scorers: Kamboropoulos, Ackley for Hellas; Sanchez for George Cross.
Polonia v. Lions 0-0.

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	14	2	4	46	16	32
Juventus	13	4	4	35	19	30
Croatia	11	4	6	40	24	26
Hellas	9	7	5	47	34	25
Hakoah	11	3	7	40	30	25
JUST	10	4	7	40	47	24
Slavia	9	3	9	32	33	21
George Cross	6	5	10	33	39	17
Polonia	6	4	10	39	41	16
Lions	4	6	11	23	36	14
Alexander	4	4	13	23	47	12
Makedonia	4	2	15	26	58	10

Juventus chalk up 9th championship

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Adelaide Juventus thrashed Seaciff-Austria 5-1 last Saturday to win their ninth First Division premiership.

West Adelaide Hellas, who won the championship last year, finished second, one point behind Juventus.

Juventus, Hellas, Polonia and Croatia, filled the top four positions and will play-off in the Australia Cup elimination rounds.

Burnside-Budapest and Port Adelaide are candidates for demotion.

Budapest picked up a point by drawing with

Polonia but were nosed out by Elizabeth who escaped relegation by .09 of a goal.

Second Division champions, Beograd-Woodville and runners-up, Cumberland will stake strong claims for promotion.

With the premiership decided, the spotlight will now focus on the Federation and Australia Cup ties.

Unpredictable Polonia, who have not won since they toppled Hellas on August 5, will have to improve dramatically if they are to retain the Federation Cup.

Although Juventus won the league title, they conceded three points to Hellas, losing 0-4 in the first round and drawing 0-0 in the second round.

Elizabeth City and Victoria may require extra time to settle their quarter-final at Ramsay Park.

Victoria finished sixth on the league table while Elizabeth ended in eighth place but Elizabeth's recent improvement suggests a probable upset.

Despite Elizabeth's lowly position, the Enfield-Elizabeth amalgamation must be considered a success.

The combine could not match Enfield's 1966 effort of finishing fourth but it made considerable progress after a turbulent baptism.

The most significant gain was that Elizabeth doubled the attendance figures set by Enfield last year.

Continued improvement seems assured because of their powerful junior set-up.

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Elizabeth City v. WA Hellas 1-4. Scorers: Hunter for Elizabeth; De Lyster, Kilishiri, Pantelis, Batchelor for Hellas.

Juventus v. Seaciff-Austria 5-1. Scorers: Serafini 2, McColl 2, Cruz, for Juventus; Gorst for Austria.

Port Adelaide v. Croatia 2-2. Scorers: Lewis, Baines for Port, Lister, Slager for Croatia.

Polonia v. Burnside-Budapest 0-0.

USC Lion v. Victoria 2-0. Scorers: Nechvoglod, Cattenach.

S A TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	14	3	1	55	11	31
Hellas	13	4	1	49	17	30
Polonia	8	6	4	21	13	22
Croatia	5	7	6	27	27	17
Austria	7	2	9	24	34	16
Victoria	6	3	9	26	40	15
Lion	7	—	11	17	29	14
Elizabeth C.	4	5	9	21	32	13
Budapest	4	5	9	14	25	13
Port Adelaide	3	3	12	15	42	9

Odd decision may bring ridicule

Victorian soccer has taken another step towards notoriety following a fantastic decision by the Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Board which has forced the resignation of Referees Selector, George Yelland.

It stems from a protest made by Slavia after their drawn 1-1 game against Alexander on July 29. After the match Slavia entered a protest against the referee, Mr. Frost on the grounds that he was not a member of the referees' panel for 1967, although both the Victorian Federation and Slavia were aware several days before the game that Frost would be the man-in-the-middle.

In fact, there has been no official referees' panel for 1967 and at no time this season have the State League management asked for one.

They countered by saying that in view of this the status quo which existed in 1966 must be regarded as still being in effect.

Yelland also stated that half a dozen of the referees who have officiated at State League games this season were not, in fact, on the official panel of 1966.

And several of these referees have been in charge of games involving Slavia which the Port Melbourne club has either won or lost.

Yet no protest was made previously on the score of whether a referee was on a panel.

The protest was upheld by Investigation and Disciplinary Committee who ordered the Slavia v. Alexander match to be replayed.

Alexander immediately lodged a protest, with the Appeals Board against the decision but they dismissed Alexander's case and upheld the decision of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee, for the simple and minor technical point that Mr. Frost was not on the panel.

There is a school of thought that George Yelland should have insisted that an up-to-date panel be approved by the Federation if only to safeguard himself in any dispute as to whether referees were eligible.

However, many people still feel that the minor technicality which permitted Slavia to protest should not have warranted the ordering of a replay.

— Bob Low.

Olympia wins Tassie title

Olympia Hobart won the Harold Grimmond Trophy in Tasmania by defeating Croatia 3-1 after extra-time last weekend.

Stanton and Girling (2) scored for Olympia, Skaro for Croatia.

This is the fourth time in five years the Southern Cup.

Tasmanian premiership has been won by the Greek-supported club.

Olympia are now hot favorites to win the All-Tasmanian title, probably against Ulverstone in the final, and again represent the State in the Australia Cup.

— Ken Dexter.

AMATEUR RESULTS & TABLES

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	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Sydney	14	5	3	60	25	33
Artarmon	13	5	4	53	29	31
Marrickville	13	5	4	52	36	31
Ryde	10	7	5	45	30	27
Thistle	10	5	7	47	41	25
Concordia	10	5	7	43	41	25
South Sydney	7	7	8	39	38	21
Wentley War.	7	6	9	45	51	20
Uni. NSW	6	7	9	32	30	19
Lidcombe	2	7	13	27	53	11
Kewpies	4	3	15	45	51	11
Sydney Uni.	4	2	16	34	64	10

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Side	15	4	3	59	25	34
Belmore	16	—	6	67	40	32
Warringah	13	3	6	57	28	29
Gymea	11	6	5	56	43	28
Guildford	10	7	4	50	29	27
Riverside	10	4	8	51	45	24
Arncliffe	9	5	8	40	42	23
Yagoona	7	4	11	49	51	18
Auburn	7	2	13	38	63	16
All Stars	6	3	12	41	49	15
Penrith	6	3	13	47	57	15
L'pool Inter	—	2	20	16	102	2

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
First Division: 1.15 p.m. — Wentley Waratah v. South Sydney; 3.00 p.m. — Artarmon v. Ryde at Macarthur Park.
Second Division: 1.15 p.m. — Belmore v. Arncliffe Scots; 3.00 p.m. — Belmore v. Gymea or Guildford at Allum Park.

Third Division: 1.15 p.m. — Greenacre v. Condell Park; 3.00 p.m. — St. Marys v. Gladsville. Hornsby at Mackay Park.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
First Division: 1.15 p.m. — Artarmon v. Marrickville; North Sydney Inter v. Marrickville at Marks Field at 3 p.m.
Second Division: 1.15 p.m. — Guildford v. East Side-MTK; 3.00 p.m. — East Side-MTK v. Warringah or Guildford at Allum Park.

Third Division: 1.15 p.m. — Dee Why v. Enmore; 3.00 p.m. — Enmore v. Dee Why at Macarthur Park.

STOP PRESS: South Coast and not Melita Eagles will play Bankstown in tonight's K.O. Cup. The Federation messed up the First Division table when they omitted to add a point to Melita for their 0-0 draw with Pan Helene. Melita finished in 10th place, South Coast 11th and not the other way round. Thus as we correctly stated on page 8 Melita should have played Bankstown in the first round.

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MANLY ARE PROMOTED, SUTHERLAND FOURTH

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

It was not a photo-finish after all, even though the interest was kept alive until the last round.

POST — MORTEM

— By ALAN SPEERS —

On paper, Saturday's clash between St. George-Budapest and Cumberland appeared devoid of any real interest.

Saints, safely in the top four; Cumberland bound for Second Division.

But, remembering the spirited battles waged by Cumberland against the likes of APIA and Pan Hellenic, it seemed not unreasonable to expect a last flash of defiance against one of the First Division's hierarchy.

Alas, it was not to be. Indeed, there was none of the do-or-die enthusiasm which marked the play of the Mona Park men earlier this year.

There was still an air of inevitability about their play, a sort of "we're going down, so what the heck" attitude.

What lies ahead for the club, now that Second Division football looks inevitable?

Club President, Ken Ferguson, is not yet resigned to the fact that Cumberland will, in fact, make the drop.

"We intend to apply to the Federation's screening committee for re-admission to First Division again next season," he said after Saturday's 5-0 defeat.

"There are some provisions in the constitution which, I believe, give us reason to hope that our application will be successful.

"After all, we do own our own ground at Mona Park and we are solvent — something some of the other clubs in First Division cannot claim," he said.

Supposing Cumberland's application to the screening committee is unsuccessful, what then?

"Obviously we are going to lose some players if we are relegated to Second Division," Ferguson said.

"Already we have had an indication of the thoughts of about four players on the subject of lower grade soccer.

"The four players concerned have informed the club that they will not be available for the knock-out competition which is being staged for the teams that missed out on the premiership play-offs.

"The reason is that we have been unable to guarantee them a set figure for playing.

"If that's the way they feel, good luck to them, but who needs them, anyway?" he said.

Regardless of the decision of the screening committee on Cumberland's last ditch move to retain First Division status, it appears probable that the club will revert to the name Auburn next year.

Manly won the promotion stakes by three points from Granville while Sutherland displaced Western Suburbs in fourth place with a convincing 1-0 win over Marston's boys.

Corinthians, sensing that the fourth place would be decided on goal-average, crushed Blacktown 12-0, but still were two goals short of a berth in the play-offs.

North Bankstown v. Manly 1-3

Manly won the game — and promotion to First Division next season — when they outran North Bankstown.

Manly led 1-0 at halftime, but North Bankstown came back into the match when after 15 minutes they equalised.

This was shortlived, however, as straight from the kick-off Archie Harris put Manly on top again and 10 minutes from the end Hughes made it 3-1.

Granville v. Bankstown 0-2

With nothing at stake, Granville turned on a dismal performance at Macarthur Park and never looked like the team who until late as last week were vying for promotion.

Technically, Bankstown played the more constructive football throughout and deserved to win this game.

Western Suburbs v. Sutherland 0-1

A goal scored in the 25th minute of the first half by centre-half O'Reilly gave Sutherland a deserved win over Wests and a place in the semi-finals by superior goal average.

Played under difficult, windy conditions, the game never reached a high standard, but once again Wests' forwards proved ineffective.

Marconi v. Lane Cove 4-1

Lane Cove played good football in the first half but still did not match Marconi, although the latter fielded four reserves, both in attack and defence.

For Marconi, Giacometti scored two goals, Vasvary one and Napta one, while Lane Cove's only goal was scored by Tom McMillan.

Blacktown v. Corinthians 0-12

In a one-sided game at Francis Park, Corinthians went after the scalp of relegation-doomed Blacktown and finished up scoring a neat dozen.

In the last minute of the game a Wadsworth shot which looked a goal all the way was headed over the bar by Blacktown's centre-half and this cost Corinthians a play-off with Sutherland for the fourth semifinal berth.

Corinthians' goals were scored by Woods (3), Ambrose (3), and one each by Wadsworth, Fannings, Orr, MacKnight, R. Clarke and Russell.

Balgownie v. Hornsby-NE 1-4

The halftime score was 1-0 in favor of Hornsby and soon after the resumption Hornsby netted two more within five minutes.

The locals scored their only goal right on full-time.

Inglefield, Hughes, Dickson and Vickers scored for Hornsby and Carruthers for Balgownie.

THIS WEEKEND

At Marks Field on Saturday the first round of the final play-offs will oppose Sutherland to Bankstown, and in the late match Manly will play Granville.

WITH THE AMATEURS LEADERS CRASH IN LAST ROUND

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The last round games at the week-end provided a fine prelude for the final four series in all Inter-Suburban divisions.

The leaders in all three divisions dropped points.

North Sydney Inter went down 6-1 to Ryde, East Side lost 0-3 to Warringah, and Enmore were held to 4-4 by Dee Why.

Dave Simmonds scored the only goal in an excellent match between Ryde and Inter.

Ten minutes after half-time Pronk drove hard and high and the North Sydney keeper palmed the ball out for Simmonds to smack it home.

Bankstown Thistle slumped to go down 0-2 to University of NSW, leaving Ryde clearly in fourth place.

Twenty-year-old Joe Paloga, the Warringah centre-forward, bobbed in and out of the East Side defence to score a brilliant goal in the second minute of the game last Sunday.

Paloga added two more in the first half, which

In the early game Banks-town, in superb form in recent weeks, should be too solid all round for surprise-packet Sutherland, whose fourth place is a just reward for a consistent youth policy.

The late match should develop into a no-holds-barred clash between newly-promoted Manly and Granville, the runners-up.

Granville will be all out to gain revenge for missing promotion, but Manly's younger, fresher talent should emerge victorious.

Probable teams:
Sutherland: Pines; Rattenbury, McArney; Shrubsole, O'Reilly, Griffiths; Davidson, Corfield, O'Brien, Roach, Cucitti.

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamieson, Fitzgerald; Madden, White, McDermott; Stiffle, Tansley, Bamforth, Turnbull, Clarke.

Referee: F. Woolman.

Manly: Tuinman; McGrath, Brooks; Verrils, Campbell, Freeman; R. Jones, Nutt, G. Jones, Hughes, Waller.

Granville: Pontekos; Anderson, Pendleton; Dean, Lorenzutta, Creely; Dupont, Gallagher, Bakks, Tamandl, O'Neill. Referee: A. Boskovic.

TONIGHT'S K.O. CUP

First Division teams to win

The new K.O. Cup, for the First Division teams which missed out on the final play-offs and the top Second Division clubs, starts tonight, Wednesday, at the Marks Field.

At 7 p.m., Yugal will meet Bankstown, and at 8.30 p.m. Melita Eagles will play Sutherland.

The four semifinalists will each receive \$200, and the cup winner will be awarded an additional \$200.

Yugal v. Sutherland

Sutherland have had a rags to riches season this year.

Languishing at the foot of the ladder in 1966, they sneaked into fourth place in the Second Division in the very last round last week.

Against Yugal they can't expect miracles and should be an easy prey for a team which only lost one match in their last six outings.

Basically a young side, Sutherland will be hard pressed to extend their opponents whose forwards may, for once, indulge in a goalscoring spree.

Probable teams:
Yugal: Ljubic; Nacinovic, Pacanin; Dunaj, Banicevic, Rafaneli; J. Alagich, Lalic, Halpin, Bobic, Edwards.

Sutherland: Pines; Rattenbury, McArney; Shrubsole, O'Reilly, Griffiths; Davidson, Corfield, O'Brien, Roach, Cucitti.

Melita Eagles v. Bankstown

With the pressure off, Melita may play attacking football and do away with the tight defensive tactics which featured their play this year.

Against Bankstown they certainly could afford to concentrate more on attack as the Towns may find it hard to keep up with the pace of a First Division side.

Despite their third place, Bankstown have had a disappointing season as for

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many they were the favorites for promotion this season.

A bad start, however, proved disastrous and it's only recently they have shown the form which was expected of them.

Bankstown, a great team of triers, will not be willing victims, but the Eagles should be too solid all round and go on to the quarterfinals.

Probable teams:

Melita Eagles: Eaton; Hunter, Arrighi; Cilia, Woods, Hewlett, Mullan, Bankhead, Mulqueeney, Reid, Williams.

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamieson, Fitzgerald; Madden, White, McDermott; Tansley, Stiffle, Bamforth, Turnbull, Clarke.

Deferred matches

Pan Hellenic and Croatia gained valuable points in their deferred matches last Tuesday week and Sunday respectively.

For Pan Hellenic the point they earned against Melita Eagles put them through to the play-offs.

As for Croatia they surpassed themselves in beating APIA 1-0 in a suspense-filled thriller, enabling them to finish in third place.

Match details:

Pan Hellenic v. Melita Eagles 0-0

Match rating: * * *

Pan Hellenic: Clarke 3; Hanson 4, Omeros 4; Westwater 5, Johnston 4, Hignett 3; Logan 2 (inj.), Smith 4, Karyannis 2, McCulloch 3, Blitz 5. Total: 38.

Melita Eagles: Eaton 5; Hunter 4, Arrighi 3; Cilia 5, Woods 3, Mullan 4; Azopardi 2, Bankhead 4, Mulqueeney 2 (Hutchison 2), Reid 2, Williams 3. Total: 37.

Referee: F. Woolman.

Crowd: 1,200.

—Lincoln Walters.

APIA v. Croatia 0-1

Match rating: * * * *

APIA: Taylor 5; Van Blerk 3, Ackerley 3; Hughes 3, Watkiss 4, Botalico 3; Campbell 3, Campana 4, Blue 3, Kerklaan 3, Giacometti 2. Total: 36.

Croatia: Corry 5; Lincoln 5, Sloan 3 (injured), Curry 4, Shepherd 4, Snedden 3; Swoboda 3, Tomicic 3, F. Cush 3, Giles 3, R. Cush 3. Total: 39.

Scorer: R. Cush, 68 min.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Cowd: 4,300.

— Lou Gautier.

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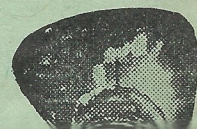


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